best climate in the country, to live with and work for strangers. I did not encourage the move, but the young man seemed to be conscientious in the matter, and I hope the Lord will continue to bless him in his work.

It is astonishing how an awakened conscience will put one to thinking. I had thought I had been a fairly dutiful son, since my conversion at least, but ah, I could do better now, if I had parents living. The stranger within my gates, too, should fare more friendly, if I had care of him again, and it seems to me now I could be a better husband and father if I had my life to live over.

I have myself felt the pangs of such "Hungering," especially since and during my enforced inactivity in sanctuary work and worship, and while confined to my room during the long winter, but I tried to quiet my longings with the thought that it was not a natural appetite, but was owing to my physical weekness, or possibly on account of social or religious dyspepsy or symptons of dotage. I had several pretty severe attacks from letters from parties who tried to convince me that I was not being appreciated by my brethren. This idea I tried to ridicule; but the fact is,—as it is and I hardly know how it is. One must exercise some good judgment too, in dispensing compliments, that we are not too lavish, for nothing is more nausiating to me than what is called "taffy," while some people can almost live on it. I despise flattery, or anything that has the oder of it.

The New York Ledger of April 2, contains an excellent article on the same subject, entitled "The Art of Appreciation," from which I will copy the following, which I'm sure will be appreciated by our ministerial brethren:

"There is another class of workers for the welfare of humanity in our day who should receive more generous appreciation. Preachers of the everlasting gospel who hold forth the word of life Sabbath after Sabbath, pastors who spend heart and brain and energy week after week in comforting the sad and ministering to the sick, deserve cordial acknowledgement of their labors.

They would shrink from flattery as from a blow, but the frank and cordial mention of help received from their services would often be to them as a draught of cold water to a thirsty traveler. The words of criticism and condemnation are spoken freely, but the words of appreciation are doled out with miserly hand—except in obituary notices. Appreciation of the pulpit is, like mercy, twice blessed,—it blesses him who gives and him who receives. Mr. Gladstone once said that what an audience gives in vapour comes back to them in rain. Surround your minister with an atmosphere of appreciation in and out of the pulpit and see if your appreciation does not come back to you laden with blessing."

The above is especially recommended to the consideration of such congregations as may start in with new pastors about this time, and should not be overlooked by such as have been neglecting their old servants until they are well nigh worn out by discouragements.

The fling at brother J. C. Cassel in regard to giving is not deserved. Brother Cassel may be a little off on the subject of missions and the Holy Ghost, but his life is in strict accord with his teachings, on both topics. And I do not believe there is another man in the brotherhood who gives as much in proportion to his means, in time, talent, and cash, to church and other philanthropic purposes, as does brother Jake Cassel. I do not like to see a sheep butt the rack from which he ate the fodder.

Ohio Conference Program

District conferences of Brethren churches of Ohio, to be held at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, June 7, 7:30 P. M. to June 10, evening session.

OPENING SESSION, 7:30

Devotions, A. D. Gnagey.
Sermon, J. L. Kimmel, Buckeye City.
Appointment of Committees.
Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION, WEDNESDAY 8:30 A. M.

Devotions, S. Keil, Dayton, O.
Address of Welcome, A. J. Baughman, pastor, Pleasant Hill.
Response by delegates.
Report of committees and enrollment of delegates.
Unfinished business.
Topics for discussion:—
What should be the Aim, and the Best Means for Attaining it, in Primary Work in the Sunday school? Miss Ella Teeter, Pleasant Hill.
General discussion.
Missions of the Old and New Testaments? J. Allen Miller, District Sec'y of National Mission Board.
General discussion of Mission work.
Adjournment 11:30.

THIRD SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Preparation and Teaching of the Sunday school Lesson. M. S. White, West Independance.
General discussion.
A Bible Reading, Illustrating how to get the Bible's Teaching. A. D. Gnagey.
Questions along line of topic.
What the Sunday school should Accomplish. S. B. Grisso.
General discussion.

FOURTH SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The Holy Spirit in the Work of the Church. Zed H. Copp, Dayton.

FIFTH SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

Devotions, W. A. Welty, Bryan.
Our Literature and Publishing Interests. A. D. Gnagey, Editor.
Sunday school Supplies and Helps. H. M. Oberholtzer, Buckeye City.
Reports of Sunday schools.
Our Educational Interests and Outlook, J. C. Mackey, Ph. D., President Ashland University.
Adjournment 11:30.

SIXTH SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Devotions, Josiah Keim, Gratis.
Report of churches by delegates.
Parochial reports.
Report of Home Mission Board. C. E. Deffenbaugh, Sec'y Board.
How to Study the Bible for Greatest Profit. J. Allen Miller.
Questions.
Home Missionary Work and Needs in the State. J. M. Bowman, State Evangelist.

SEVENTH SESSION, THURSDAY 7:30 P. M.

Devotions. Short talk on Prayer, J. M. Bowman.
Sermon or Lecture, Dr. Mackey.

EIGHTH SESSION, 8:30 A. M. FRIDAY.

Devotions, D. Minderman, West Alexandria.
S. S. C. E. Work, Mrs. Sarah Keim, Gratis.
Reports of S. S. C. E. societies.
Qualifications Necessary for the Ministry in the Brethren church, P. J. Brown, Congress.
Relation of Pastor and People, J. L. Kimmel, Buckeye City.
General discussion.
Adjournment 11:30.

NINTH SESSION, FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Devotions, Zed H. Copp, Dayton.
Young Peoples' Work, W. A. Welty, Bryan.
Reports of societies.
Benefits of Co-operation in Sunday school and Young Peoples' Work, with State, County and Township Conventions, J. Allen Miller.
General discussion.
Election of officers.
Location of Conference '99.
Other miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

TENTH SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The Christian's Warfare or How to Live the Christian Life, (or subject of his own choosing.) Sermon, A. D. Gnagey.
Adjournment.

J. M. BOWMAN,
S. R. DEETER,
A. J. BAUGHMAN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

We have two more applicants for baptism since our last report. They will be baptized next week. They are valuable additions to our Allentown mission. The Lord willing we will dedicate our new church in Allentown, May 15. We will have an all day service and will continue the meetings for several weeks. I ask the whole brotherhood to pray very earnestly for this work. Our members are poor and by faith they started a building fund and it is wonderful how the Lord blessed them. But they have yet quite a debt to carry but by God's help we believe that the Lord will build up a solid work there. Will give a fuller account after dedication.

ISAAC BOWMAN.